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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 88

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE COST PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 31-3517, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 31-3517, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

31-3517. ESTABLISHMENT OF A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE COST PROGRAM. (1) The governing board of the catastrophic health care cost program created by the counties pursuant to a joint exercise of powers agreement, dated October 1, 1984, and serving on June 30, 1991, is hereby continued as such through December 31, 1992, to complete the affairs of the board, to continue to pay for those medical costs incurred by participating counties prior to October 1, 1991, until all costs are paid or the moneys in the catastrophic health care cost account contributed by participating counties are exhausted, and to pay the balance of such contributions back to the county of origin in the proportion contributed. County responsibility shall be limited to the first eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) per claim. The remainder of the eligible costs of the claim shall be paid by the state catastrophic health care cost program.

(2) Commencing October 1, 1991, a catastrophic health care cost program board is hereby established, and the board shall be the administrator of the catastrophic health care cost program. This board shall consist of twelve (12) members, with six (6) county commissioners, one (1) from each of the six (6) districts or regions established by the Idaho association of counties, four (4) members of the legislature, with one (1) each being appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, the leader of the minority party of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the leader of the minority party of the house of representatives, one (1) member appointed by the director of the department of health and welfare, and one (1) member appointed by the governor.

(a) The county commissioner members shall be elected by the county commissioners of the member counties of each district or region, with each board of county commissioners entitled to one (1) vote. The process and procedures for conducting the election and determining the members shall be determined by the board itself, except that the election must be conducted, completed and results certified by December 31 of each year in which an election for members is conducted. The board recognized in subsection (1) of this section shall authorize and conduct the election in 1991.

(b) The term of office of a member shall be two (2) years, commencing on January 1 next following election or appointment, except that for

1 commissioner members elected in 1991, the commissioner members from
2 districts or regions 1, 3 and 5 shall serve for a term of one (1) year,
3 and the commissioner members from districts or regions 2, 4 and 6 shall
4 serve for a term of two (2) years. Members may be reelected or reap-
5 pointed. Election or appointment to fill vacancies shall be for the
6 balance of the unexpired term.

7 (c) The member appointed by the governor shall be reimbursed as pro-
8 vided in section 59-509(b), Idaho Code, from the catastrophic health
9 care cost account.

10 (d) At the first meeting of the board in January of each year, the board
11 shall organize by electing a chair, a vice-chair, and such other offi-
12 cers as desired.

13 ~~(3) The legislative council shall cause a full and complete audit of~~
14 ~~the financial statements of the program as required in section 67-702, Idaho~~
15 ~~Code. All moneys received or expended by the program shall be audited annu-~~
16 ~~ally by a certified public accountant designated by the governing board, who~~
17 ~~shall furnish a copy of such audit to the director of legislative services.~~

18 (4) The board shall submit a request to the governor and the legislature
19 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 35, title 67, Idaho Code, for an
20 appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the catastrophic health
21 care cost program.